



MEMORANDUM

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To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Montre' Freeman, City Manager
J. Phillip Webster, Interim Chief of Police

Date: April 6, 2023

Subject: Update – Remote from Meeting - Installing Speed Humps or Lumps on Pritchard Street

BACKGROUND:

The residents in the 100-200 block of Pritchard Street made the City aware of traffic concerns on their street. Elected officials and City staff observed the traffic conditions and made anecdotal analysis. As a result, the police department conducted a traffic study on Pritchard Street from 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2023 to 8:59 a.m. on Thursday, March 16, 2023.

The result of this traffic study was presented to the Council on Monday, March 27, 2023. At that time, the department was directed to initiate a community meeting for the residents of Pritchard Street. This meeting was in accordance with the Elizabeth City Neighborhood Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines.

ANALYSIS:

On Friday, March 31, 2023, Elizabeth City PD officers walked Pritchard Street and handed out notices of a community meeting to discuss potential traffic calming measures on Pritchard Street.

On Monday, April 4, 2023, at 5:30 p.m., community members, elected officials, and staff members of Elizabeth City met at Pete Hooker Park. In total, six community members participated in the discussion. All six members voiced their support of traffic

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calming measures and gave additional constructive suggestions. Suggestions made included signage, striping, and making Pritchard a one-way street.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends moving forward with the installation of speed humps and/or lumps on Pritchard Street. These two treatments are the most appropriate given the goal of traffic calming on Pritchard. Speed humps in particular are designed to reduce speed and cut through traffic. Speed lumps offer the same result but allow emergency equipment, i.e. fire apparatus, to straddle the devices.

We also recommend the installation of appropriate signage and striping as deemed appropriate by Public Works.

The project will be reevaluated in six months to determine the effectiveness of the traffic calming treatments.